

## Punctuation/Commas I

Choose the sentence or question that has the correct comma placement.

1.
  - a. For breakfast, tomorrow the chef's going to serve fried eggs, bacon sausage, and rye toast.
  - b. For breakfast tomorrow, the chef's going to serve, fried eggs, bacon, sausage, and rye toast.
  - c. For breakfast tomorrow, the chef's going to serve fried eggs, bacon, sausage, and rye toast.
  - d. For, breakfast tomorrow, the chef's going to serve fried, eggs, bacon sausage, and rye toast.
2.
  - a. Medicare, long-term care, and investments were the topics at the meeting.
  - b. Medicare, long-term care, and investments, were the topics at the meeting.
  - c. Medicare, long-term care, and, investments were the topics at the meeting.
  - d. Medicare, long-term care, and investments were, the topics at the meeting.
3.
  - a. The tired hungry firemen returned to their station after their long day.
  - b. The tired, hungry firemen returned to their station after their long day.
  - c. The tired hungry firemen, returned to their station after their long day.
  - d. The tired, hungry, firemen returned to their station after their long day.
4.
  - a. It's been a long day at the hospital, hasn't it?
  - b. It's been a long day, at the hospital hasn't, it?
  - c. It's been a long, day at the hospital, hasn't it?
  - d. It's been a long day, at the hospital, hasn't it?
5.
  - a. The cashier gave me nickels pennies, and dimes, as my change.
  - b. The cashier gave me nickels, pennies and, dimes as my change.
  - c. The cashier gave me nickels, pennies, and dimes as my change.
  - d. The cashier gave me nickels pennies and dimes, as my change.
6.
  - a. The delicate operation was performed on October, 25, 2003.
  - b. The delicate operation was performed, on October 25, 2003.
  - c. The delicate operation was performed on October 25, 2003.
  - d. The delicate operation was performed, on October, 25, 2003.
7.
  - a. The factory inspection took place on July, 13 2002, in Miami, Florida.
  - b. The factory inspection took place on July, 13 2002, in Miami Florida.
  - c. The factory inspection took place on July 13, 2002 in Miami, Florida.
  - d. The factory inspection took place on July 13, 2002, in Miami, Florida.

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- 8.
- The new employee said, that he had worked at RBK Computers, 57 Cataya Street Atlanta, Georgia.
  - The new employee said that he had worked at RBK Computers, 57 Cataya Street, Atlanta, Georgia.
  - The new employee said, that, he had worked at RBK Computers, 57 Cataya Street, Atlanta Georgia.
  - The new employee said that, he had worked at RBK, Computers, 57 Cataya Street, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 9.
- Did you realize, Ms. Pitt, that your evening class had been canceled?
  - Did you realize Ms. Pitt that, your evening class had been canceled?
  - Did you realize Ms. Pitt, that your evening class had been canceled?
  - Did you realize, Ms. Pitt that your evening class had been canceled?
- 10.
- All government offices will be closed on Monday, but, banks will be open from 9 a.m. to noon.
  - All government offices will be closed on Monday, but banks, will be open from 9 a.m. to noon.
  - All government offices, will be closed on Monday, but, banks will be open from 9 a.m. to noon.
  - All government offices will be closed on Monday, but banks will be open from 9 a.m. to noon.
- 11.
- The school board meeting will convene at 8:00, and, the town council will convene at 9:00.
  - The school board meeting will convene at 8:00, and the town council will convene at 9:00.
  - The school board meeting will convene, at 8:00, and the town council will convene at 9:00.
  - The school board meeting, will convene at 8:00, and, the town council, will convene at 9:00.
- 12.
- After, intense negotiations, all parties went home.
  - After intense, negotiations, all parties went home.
  - After intense negotiations, all, parties went home.
  - After intense negotiations, all parties went home.
- 13.
- Mr. Patterson, the photographer at our graduation showed me how to use a digital camera.
  - Mr. Patterson the photographer, at our graduation, showed me how to use a digital camera.
  - Mr. Patterson, the photographer at our graduation, showed me how to use a digital camera.
  - Mr. Patterson, the photographer, at our graduation, showed me how to use a digital camera.

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14.

- a. To do well on the ASE exam, you will have to study exceptionally, hard.
- b. To do well on the ASE exam, you will have to study exceptionally hard.
- c. To do well on the ASE exam, you, will have to study exceptionally, hard.
- d. To do well, on the ASE exam, you will have to study exceptionally, hard.

15.

- a. The ORT program, which he entered in September, is sixteen months in length.
- b. The ORT program which he entered in September, is sixteen months in length.
- c. The ORT program, which he entered, in September, is sixteen months in length.
- d. The ORT program which he entered, in September is sixteen months, in length.

16.

- a. "I wonder," the nurse said "what these clinical trials will find."
- b. "I wonder" the nurse said, "what these clinical trials will find."
- c. "I wonder," the nurse said, "what these clinical trials will find."
- d. "I wonder" the nurse, said, "what these clinical trials will find."

17.

- a. Well-trained auto mechanics, in fact, are seldom out of a job.
- b. Well-trained auto mechanics in fact, are seldom out of a job.
- c. Well-trained, auto mechanics, in fact, are seldom out of a job.
- d. Well-trained auto mechanics in fact, are seldom, out of a job.

18.

- a. Jane, will you help me, with this report?
- b. Jane will you help me, with this report?
- c. Jane will, you, help me with this report?
- d. Jane, will you help me with this report?

19.

- a. Jack said happily "I'm going to graduate in August."
- b. Jack said happily, "I'm going to graduate in August."
- c. Jack, said happily, "I'm going to graduate in August."
- d. Jack, said happily "I'm going to graduate in August."

20.

- a. LPNs, not NAs are, permitted to give medication.
- b. LPNs, not NAs are permitted to give medication.
- c. LPNs, not NAs, are permitted to give medication.
- d. LPNs not NAs, are permitted to give, medication.

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### Answer Key

1. C
2. A
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. C
7. D
8. B
9. A
10. D
11. B
12. D
13. C
14. B
15. A
16. C
17. A
18. D
19. B
20. C